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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: KUWAIT BANK LETTER OF CREDIT

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S HELPFUL RESPONSE TO REFTEL B. GENERAL MANAGER OF LARGE LOCAL BANK HAS NOW RAISED FURTHER QUESTION AS FOLLOWS: BANK IS CHANGING ITS PROCEDURES SO AS TO HAVE LETTER OF CREDIT AND ALL ITS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CONTAIN ONLY POSITIVE LANGUAGE. HOWEVER, AS MATTERS NOW STAND, INSTRUCTIONS FOR L/C WILL CONTINUE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT "THE FOLLOWING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED: SHIPMENT OF GOODS OF THE FOLLOWING ORIGIN: ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA". MANAGER, WHO IS ON LOAN FROM NEW YORK BANK, SAYS THAT THIS BANK'S LAWYERS HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY CANNOT, AT THIS TIME, SAY WHETHER THIS LANGUAGE IN THE INSTRUCTIONS WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF NEW ANTIBOYCOTT LAW.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBOFF HAS APPOINTMENT WITH ACTING
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GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK MONDAY, JULY 25. IT WOULD HELP US IF PRIOR TO THAT TIME WE COULD RECEIVE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON WHETHER LANGUAGE IN L/C INSTRUCTION ABOVE IS LIKELY TO CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF ANTIBOYCOTT LAW. IT STRIKES US THAT INSTRUCTION LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT BE A VIOLATION OF NEW LAW SINCE IT IS NOT CONTAINED IN THE L/C AND IS MERELY A STATEMENT OF THE POLICY OF A SOVEREIGN

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